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Mr. Paul Bengtson  
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital  
PO Box 905  
1315 Hospital Drive  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-005-17con, Replacement of Mobile MRI with Fixed MRI Unit and Related Construction/Renovation. Project Cost: \$3,051,564**

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the application for the above referenced project. The information requested below is needed to complete our review. Please respond to the following:

1. In a table format, specify the actual number of MRI scans in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and projected scans for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and the percent increase/decrease from year to year. Also identify the increase (percent/number) of scans in the projected years due to scans no longer referred to other facilities, increased capability of the fixed unit, and those attributed to the activity of the new surgeon. Provide a more detailed explanation of projected increase in MRI utilization due to the new orthopedic physician.
2. Confirm that the relocation of the existing trailer, lighting, lift, utilities, shielding, safety requirements at the interim location are included in the total project cost, identify the costs for each and the line item where each is included. Also confirm that the trailer is located in a secure space that minimizes any radiofrequency and magnetic interference.
3. In Table 1, there are no costs shown for renovation, site work or design/bidding contingency. If these costs are included in other line items please identify the line items and associated costs for each.
4. Confirm that the cost related to the construction of the new Access Office is included in the total project cost, amount associated and line item(s) where the cost is included.
5. HRAP Standard 1.6: Provide more detail on the specific data NVRH currently and will continue to collect and monitor relating health care quality and outcomes relative to the proposed project

and how such efforts are aligned with related data collection and monitoring within NVRH and other organizations or the government.

6. If applicable, explain any new imaging capabilities the fixed unit will have relative to the existing mobile unit.
7. Identify expected opportunities and associated savings with each within the diagnostic imaging department and elsewhere to realize \$124,146 in net operating margin.
8. In a table format, identify the five highest imaging volumes and average charge for each with the mobile and the fixed unit.
9. Confirm whether a service contract in the post warranty years is included in the total cost in each of the projected years.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send the original and two hard copies (three-hole punch one hard copy) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620, and an electronic copy to me at [donna.jerry@vermont.gov](mailto:donna.jerry@vermont.gov).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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